

Houston ~~Sept 1st~~ Texas,
 Feb 1st 1800

TO THE ADJUTANT GENERAL,
 STATE OF TEXAS:

Sir: I have the honor to request that I be appointed a Special Ranger, to serve the State without pay and subject to the orders and authority of the Adjutant General's office, and of my Company Commander.

Age 50 Color of hair Brown Dark
 Height 5-10 1/2 Color of eyes Brown
 Where born Cala Complexion Light
 Place of present residence Houston Occupation Special Officer for Wells Fargo & Co
 Where resided for past 10 years, and length of time at each place

Houston Texas principally

Have you had experience in criminal work; if so, when, and in what capacity? 20 years.

Special Officer Wells Fargo & Co

Are you sober and temperate in your habits? yes Have you ever been convicted of any crime? No

What are your reasons for wanting this appointment? Necessary to aid in arrest and prosecutions for crimes committed against the Express Co such as Robbery & Murder etc.

(Signature)

A. J. Dodge

OATH.

(To be executed before proper authority.)

I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as a member of the Frontier Battalion until my resignation is accepted, or I am discharged, according to the best of my skill and ability, and agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State. So help me God.

(Signature)

A. J. Dodge

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of February A. D. 1800

[SEAL]

R. H. Ward
 Notary Public
 Travis Co. Texas

Austin, Tex. July. 1st 1900

Mr Thomas Severy
Adjt. Genl. Tex
Capital

My Dear Sir

I have pleasure in re-
commending the merits of applicant
J. J. Doag for the appointment he
desires. I have known him for years
and he has always been most valuable
and a true state in the secret and pro-
secution of criminals guilty of murder and
robbing of express trains. He is a most
trustworthy officer of the express Co. and his
Co. want him clothed with this offi-
cial authority. I personally know him
to be a gentleman worthy of the appoint-
ment, and one who will do no manner
of harm. I hope you will give him
the appointment. Yours truly
R. H. Howard

I endorse the above

G. A. Taft
Supt. Wells Fargo Express